

U.S. Dry Raiders Seize 759 Cases Of Rum at Pier

\$55,000 Kentucky Liquor Shipment Intercepted and Guards Watch House Where Suspect Is Hiding

Haynes Spends Day Here

35 Police on Trial Charged With Slack Enforcement of the Mullan-Gage Law

The Federal raiders who set out Tuesday to dry up New York seized 759 cases of bonded liquor on a pier yesterday. The liquor came from a Kentucky warehouse, according to E. C. Yellowly, assistant prohibition director, and last night Mr. Yellowly had some of his agents standing guard over a house which he suspected of sheltering a man he intends to have arrested as soon as he can get a United States marshal to do so.

The value of the liquor seized yesterday was said to be, at bootleg prices, about \$55,000. Mr. Yellowly said that the man he had under surveillance was far from being the only one he expected to arrest, but he declined to make any estimate of the number of prisoners he hoped to make. He had information, he said, upon which to make many more raids.

Ray A. Haynes, Commissioner of Prohibition, spent the day in the city conferring with the heads of the state enforcement bureau and with "friends."

Thirty-five Police Put on Trial

Twenty-five policemen and ten police sergeants were placed on trial at Headquarters for failure to make good in effecting Mullan-Gage law arrests on their posts. Decision in all these cases was reserved. Commissioner Haynes departed for Columbus, Ohio, last night, but will return.

Special enforcement agents from Washington last night continued to watch all steamship piers, with the idea of seizing shipments of liquor withdrawn from Maryland and Kentucky warehouses on alleged fraudulent and forged permits and consigned to New York addresses.

Assistant Director Yellowly encountered an obstacle in his raiding last night, when he was unable to find a United States marshal to serve a warrant in New Jersey, where it was said that a certain employee of an unnamed prohibition enforcement office is accused of aiding and abetting conspirators against the Volstead, customs, navigation and other laws.

State Director Harold A. Hart had admitted during the afternoon that suspicion in alleged fraudulent liquor cases might attach to field agents in the employ of enforcement bureaus but not to any other employees. He said the theft of entire blocks or tablets of Federal permits was an "outside job" and charged this theft had been accomplished by a man now held in Philadelphia, who gained entrance to his office on pretense of desiring to correct a mistake in his signature to a legal permit blank.

Big Business Men Aiding

That men high in the commercial world in New York had given information to the Federal enforcement department at Washington developed yesterday, and that the raids here might assume proportions heretofore unknown was learned, over the denial of Commissioner Haynes, who said that he had such information he would be the last man in the world to release it for publication.

Newspaper men were permitted to see Commissioner Haynes. He issued a blanket statement to the press. Among the men called into conference with the Commissioner, however, was one newspaper man, Hugh Fullerton, a baseball writer. He was located by Assistant Director Yellowly and called to Headquarters, where he talked with the Commissioner for some time. He said later that he was an old friend of Mr. Haynes, and that they had been talking over old times.

The present intensive effort by all the government departments of enforcement is the outgrowth of revelations made some weeks ago by the United States District Attorney, Le Roy Ross, of Brooklyn, and exclusively printed in The Tribune. At the time Mr. Ross, after calling attention to gigantic smuggling operations from the Bahamas, by a rum-running fleet, said that the combined efforts of all land and sea forces of the government would

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Haynes's Statement

The statement of Commissioner Haynes reads in part: "While it is true that the organization of the prohibition field forces of the United States is going on rapidly, there is yet much to be done. It is my purpose to render state directors every possible aid. It is only in that capacity that I am in New York."

"I am fully persuaded that the good people of New York are as patriotic as the citizens anywhere and as such they will lend hearty support to every effort to enforce the prohibition law and help to cultivate sanctity and majesty for all law. With such support, I confidently expect that law enforcement victories in New York will be all the greater because the obstacles to be overcome will be greater than those encountered elsewhere.

"Our preliminary work is going forward with an optimism justified by general knowledge of conditions. I confidently predict the early fulfillment in very large measure of the expectations of all lovers of law and order."

Sees Trouble in Manton Ruling

Director Hart was asked if the consignees and consignors of liquor in New York were responsible under the conspiracy law. He answered that the question was one for the courts to answer. He said that the recent decision of Federal Judge Martin T. Manton, in Brooklyn, that it was not a crime to deal in fraudulent liquor permits, would cause a great deal of trouble and was hamper enforcement. He expressed the opinion that the decision would not be upheld by the higher courts.

Woman Drives Car Of Gangsters When They Fire on Rivals

Automobile Carrying Five Gunmen Races Through Streets in Battle Over Rum Deal; Suspect Held

For the second time this week an automobile raced through the West Side last night with its occupants emptying their revolvers at rival gangsters on the sidewalk. A woman and four or five men were in the automobile. According to the police, they were members of the O'wey Madden gang, the former leader of which is doing time in Sing Sing for murder, hunting for members of a Brooklyn gang whom they accuse of double-crossing them in a \$30,000 liquor theft.

The speeding automobile turned into Fifty-eighth Street from Ninth Avenue, eastbound and the gunmen who were in it began firing soon after it rounded the corner. One of their bullets struck Paul Michelis, fifty years old, in the right arm. The rest went wild. Michelis was able to go to his home, 344 West Fifty-eighth Street, after his wound had been dressed.

Patrolman Schettino, a rookie policeman of the West Forty-seventh Street station, who was posted at the Hotel Ponchetrain, 310 West Fifty-eighth Street heard the fusillade and ran into the street just as the automobile passed the hotel. Its driver, who he thinks was the woman, ignored his command to halt and Schettino fired five shots at the vehicle.

He saw spinters fly, he said, but the car kept on and swerved into Eighth Avenue on two wheels and disappeared southward. A patrolman jumped into a taxicab and gave chase, but no report of the gunman's capture had been received early this morning.

Detectives Davis and Baker, of the strong arm squad, who were in the vicinity, heard that when the shooting started a man had run into 370 West Fifty-eighth Street, and called other detectives and patrolmen to join them in a search of the roof of that building. They found Thomas Dowling, known also as Red McKenna, on the roof and brought him, protesting to the West Forty-seventh Street police station.

"Red" said he didn't know anything about fights or gun fights. He just went up to the roof because altogether too many bullets were flying around on the street level. "Red" lives at 129 Huron Street, Brooklyn, and the police, convinced that last night's affray and that of Tuesday night both were due to a row between Manhattan and Brooklyn gangsters, detained him for examination.

The shooting Tuesday night was at Thirty-fourth Street and Tenth Avenue, the automobile in this instance being occupied by members of the Brooklyn gang, the police say, hunting members of the O'wey Madden gang. Last night, the police believe, it was the O'wey Madden gangsters who were on the rampage.

Mellon to Lay Tax Plan Before Senators To-day

Treasury Chief Expected to Call for Retention of Many Sections Eliminated by House After Caucus

Will Urge Vital Changes

Measure Must Be Largely Rewritten, He Believes; to Yield Needed Funds

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is expected to lay before the Senate Finance Committee to-morrow revised recommendations on tax revision and the Republican revenue bill which will be the basis for the new measure to be submitted to the Senate as a substitute for the revenue bill passed by the House before the recess.

Since the Republican conference in the House just prior to the adoption by that body of the Fordney bill—the caucus which upset much of the program of the Ways and Means Committee—Secretary Mellon has studied the revenue problem more closely than ever. He is now said to be convinced that the radical last minute changes made by the House affect the revenue measure so strongly, particularly with regard to the estimates of its total yield for the Treasury, that many of

its important features must be rewritten. It is expected that the Treasury Secretary will stress this point before the committee to-morrow. It is now doubtful, it is declared, if the measure will bring into the government coffers the \$3,000,000,000 needed.

The date for repeal of the excess profits taxes, set in the House measure for January 1, 1922, also will be discussed by Secretary Mellon. He is said to be insistent upon the original plan of the Ways and Means Committee to make this elimination retroactive to January 1, 1921.

Other of his recommendations, changed by the Republican conference in the House, which undoubtedly will again be presented to Congress when Secretary Mellon appears to-morrow before the committee, are the reduction of the income surtaxes retroactive to January 1, 1921, imposition of a flat corporation tax of 15 per cent and repeal at this time of only one-half of the transportation taxes. The House conference made the reduction of the income surtaxes effective January 1, 1922, reduced the proposed corporation tax to 12 1/2 per cent and repealed all transportation taxes.

This plan, it is declared, would at once provide for the relief of the small salaried man and average wage earner, as intended by Mr. Fordney's committee, and also provide for a more substantial lightening of the burden upon business.

Secretary Mellon also is expected to take up the plan proposed in a substitute revenue bill to be introduced by Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, which has as its principal feature a 3 per cent manufacturers' sales tax. Senator Penrose, chairman of the Finance Committee, reiterated to-day his determination to have the new revenue bill ready for consideration by the Senate when that body reconvenes on September 21. The committee in an executive session again to-day. It completed the reading of the House

bill and heard Dr. Thomas S. Adams, the Treasury taxation expert.

Senator Penrose's statement, after the meeting, read: "Mr. Mellon will present facts and figures to the committee to-morrow. We will take up amendments after the Secretary of the Treasury has given his views. The first task of the committee will be to formulate its policy, to discuss the sales tax and the various other proposals. There is no doubt that the members will all be considerably influenced by what the Secretary of the Treasury has to say."

"The committee is confronted with a task that is almost appalling. The American public is entitled to all that it can get in the way of information and help, and our task will be to construct a whole bill and have it ready for the Senate when that body reconvenes on September 21. We intend to do that."

"My earnest desire is to have the new revenue bill take such form that it will have the cordial cooperation and support of all branches of the government and of the members of the Republican party throughout the country, as well as that of the citizenship generally."

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